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Highlights

- Prices • Small Grains
- Cattle on Feed

United States feed ratios

Feed ratios	Sep. 2001	Sep. 2002	Sep. 2003	Aug. 2004	Sep. 2004
Broiler	8.4	4.6	5.7	* 6.4	6.4
Hog-corn	23.7	10.7	18.0	* 23.7	25.2
Milk feed	3.75	2.30	3.16	* 2.98	3.24

* Revised.

Average prices received by farmers and ranchers

Commodity and unit	U.S. prices Sep. 2003	U.S. prices Sep 15 2004 ^{1/}	Oregon		
			Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep15 2004 ^{1/}
Crops:					
Wheat, bu \$	3.39	3.50	3.55	* 3.65	3.64
Barley, bu \$	2.88	2.56	2.53	* 1.76	1.75
Oats, bu \$	1.39	1.33	-	-	-
Hay, Alfalfa baled, ton \$	86.70	95.50	94.00	115.00	116.00
Hay, All Baled, ton \$	82.10	87.70	91.00	111.00	111.00
Potatoes, cwt \$	5.24	5.21	4.45	* 4.65	4.55
Onions, fr, cwt . . . \$	12.20	11.30	-	-	-
Sweet corn, fr. cwt \$	19.70	20.10	-	-	-
Pears, fr. ton \$	293.00	492.00	-	-	-
Apples, fr. lbs \$	0.271	0.272	-	-	-
Strawberries, fr. lbs \$	0.868	0.983	-	-	-
Livestock/products:					
Steers/heifers cwt \$	89.30	89.80	88.00	* 101.00	101.00
Slaughter cows cwt \$	44.80	52.80	47.00	* 51.50	48.50
Calves, cwt \$	109.00	129.00	97.00	* 112.00	114.00
Lambs, cwt \$	95.10	-	88.00	94.00	-
Sheep, cwt \$	32.50	-	30.50	35.00	-
All milk sold to plants, cwt \$	14.50	15.10	-	-	-
Fat test %	3.61	3.65	-	-	-
Eggs, doz \$.776	.544	-	-	-

^{1/} Preliminary.
* Revised entire month.

Index numbers of prices received by Oregon farmers and ranchers

Commodities	1910-14= 100		1990-92= 100		
	Sep. 2003	Sep. 2004	Sep. 2003	Aug. 2004	Sep. 2004
All farm products	729	696	122	110	116
All crops	718	661	128	109	118
Livestock & prod.	767	821	105	113	112

United States price ratio

Indexes	1910-14= 100		1990-92= 100		
	Sep. 2003	Sep. 2004	Sep. 2003	Aug. 2004	Sep. 2004
Prices rcvd	* 704	725	111	120	114
Prices paid ^{1/}	1,707	1,769	128	* 134	133
Ratio ^{2/}	41	41	87	* 89	86

^{1/} Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes & Farm Wage Rates indexes from quarterly reports.

^{2/} Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. This ratio on 1910-14= 100 Base is the parity ratio.

* Revised.

These price indices are designed to track aggregate prices farmers pay and receive over time. The commodity weighting for prices received varies monthly according to what is normally marketed for a given time of year. They can be volatile from month to month.

2004 Small Grain Production Estimates

Oregon

Winter wheat production for 2004 is estimated at 47.6 million bushels, down from 47.9 million bushels in 2003. Area harvested for grain totaled 780,000 acres, a decrease of 160,000 acres from the previous year. The average yield is estimated at 61 bushels per acre, 10 bushels higher than last year, and the highest yield since 2000.

Spring wheat production totaled 8.4 million bushels, up 50 percent from the previous year, and the highest production since 1979. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 175,000 acres, up 35,000 acres from 2003. The average yield, at 48 bushels per acre, is up 8 bushels from last year and is the highest yield since 1998.

Barley production is estimated at 4.8 million bushels, a 25 percent increase from the previous year. Harvested acres, at 66,000, is up 6,000 acres from last year. The average yield is estimated at 73 bushels per acre. That is the highest average yield since 1995.

Oat production totaled 2.0 million bushels, up 500,000 bushels from 2003. Area harvested for grain totaled 20,000 acres, the same as last year, but down 10,000 acres from 2002. The average yield is estimated at 100 bushels per acre, 25 bushels per acre higher than last year. Oregon oat growers produced the highest average yield in the U.S.

United States

The 2004 **winter wheat** production is estimated at 1.50 billion bushels, 13 percent below last year's crop. The U.S. yield is 43.5 bushels per acre, 3.2 bushels below last year's final yield. Acreage for grain is estimated at 34.5 million acres, 6 percent below 2003.

Spring Wheat production in 2004 is estimated at 574 million bushels, up 8 percent from 2003. Harvested area is 13.3 million acres, 1 percent lower than last year. The U.S. yield is a record high 43.1 bushels per acre, 3.6 bushels better than last year and 1.3 bushels higher than the previous record set in 1992.

Barley production is estimated at 280 million bushels, up 1 percent from last year's estimate. Average yield per acre, at 69.5 bushels, is 10.6 bushels above 2003. The area harvested for grain is estimated at 4.03 million acres, 15 percent below a year ago. Nationally, harvested area is the smallest since 1894 but yield is a new record high, 7.0 bushels above the previous record of 62.5 bushels set in 1992.

Oat production is estimated at 117 million bushels, 19 percent below last year's 144 million bushels. The estimated yield is 64.5 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushel from a year ago. Harvested area is 1.81 million acres, 19 percent below last year. This is the smallest acreage harvested for grain on record, continuing a steady downward trend.

Small grains summary: Oregon, Pacific Northwest, and United States, 2003-2004

Year	Oregon			Pacific Northwest ^{1/}			United States		
	Harvested <i>1,000 acres</i>	Yield <i>Bushels/ Acre</i>	Production <i>1,000 bushels</i>	Harvested <i>1,000 acres</i>	Yield <i>Bushels/ Acre</i>	Production <i>1,000 bushels</i>	Harvested <i>1,000 acres</i>	Yield <i>Bushels/ Acre</i>	Production <i>1,000 bushels</i>
All wheat									
2003	1,080	49.6	53,540	4,555	60.9	277,545	53,063	44.2	2,344,760
2004	955	58.6	55,980	4,420	68.1	301,190	50,204	43.1	2,163,520
Winter wheat									
2003	940	51.0	47,940	3,460	64.3	222,540	36,753	46.7	1,716,721
2004	780	61.0	47,580	3,230	70.5	227,830	34,462	43.5	1,499,434
Spring wheat									
2003	140	40.0	5,600	1,095	50.2	55,005	13,441	39.5	531,402
2004	175	48.0	8,400	1,190	61.6	73,360	13,294	43.1	573,618
Barley									
2003	60	64.0	3,840	1,090	60.5	65,930	4,727	58.9	278,283
2004	66	73.0	4,818	961	85.1	81,768	4,031	69.5	280,103
Oats									
2003	20	75.0	1,500	60	64.6	3,875	2,220	65.0	144,383
2004	20	100.0	2,000	47	86.3	4,056	1,807	64.5	116,505

^{1/} Pacific Northwest includes Oregon, Idaho and Washington.

2003 Nursery Crops Survey Results

The 2003 gross value of sales for twelve categories of nursery products total \$3.97 billion on operations exceeding \$100,000 in sales in the 17 States where this survey was conducted. This represents an increase of 19 percent from comparable States since the survey was last conducted for the 2000 crop year. The top three contributing States to **value of production** are California with 25 percent of the total, followed by Florida and **Oregon**, tied at 16 percent each. The **number of operations** in the 17-State survey with sales over \$10,000 totaled 7,742, while there were 3,149 of them with sales exceeding \$100,000—and 801 of them had sales over \$ 1 million. The State with the largest number of operations is Florida with 1,360. **Oregon** is second with 898 firms, and North Carolina third with 751 growers. For the total number of **hired workers**, **Oregon** came in second, behind California, with 18,948 workers.

Other interesting **Oregon** facts from the survey include that **Oregon** is **number one** in sales of **cut Christmas trees**, with gross sales contributing 45 percent of the total, and is the **leading State** in sales of **coniferous evergreens** (arborvitae, balled and burlapped Christmas trees, cedar, fir, pine, and other coniferous evergreens) with 25 percent of the total, and in the **deciduous flowering trees** category, with 20 percent of the total gross sales. **Oregon** is also the **leading State** in sales of **deciduous shade trees**, with gross sales accounting for 23 percent of the total dollars. Finally, **Oregon** is the **second** largest contributor in sales of **broadleaf evergreens** (azalea, boxwood, euonymus, holly, and others), accounting for 15 percent of the total gross sales in that category.

The **2003 Nursery Crops Survey**, released in July 2004, was the second multi-State survey on nursery production conducted by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). Its purpose was to supplement the more comprehensive Decennial Census of Horticultural Specialties. The seventeen States were originally selected based upon the total sales reported in the 1998 Census of Horticultural Specialties. Since then, Virginia has replaced South Carolina. Complete results of this study can be access on the NASS Home Page at www.usda.gov/nass.

State	Number of Operations		Hired Workers		Total Gross Sales	
	2000	2003	2000	2003	2000	2003
	Number		Number		Number	
ALABAMA	181	202	2,963	2,624	85,991	90,837
CALIFORNIA	567	688	29,088	25,587	934,270	1,006,555
CT	92	118	2,686	2,449	92,104	106,329
FLORIDA	991	1,360	12,314	15,777	479,033	649,714
GEORGIA	200	237	2,421	2,538	87,186	120,385
ILLINOIS	179	265	3,504	3,120	97,115	106,576
MICHIGAN	517	476	7,507	6,168	166,182	150,451
NEW JERSEY	270	342	2,954	3,022	90,759	111,438
NEW YORK	388	308	2,943	2,409	52,012	55,260
NORTH CAROLINA	698	751	7,626	6,131	154,107	205,008
OHIO	298	350	4,321	3,814	106,931	125,987
OREGON	867	898	16,735	18,948	508,200	648,021
PENNSYLVANIA	413	559	4,251	4,891	86,064	113,771
SOUTH CAROLINA ^{1/}	96	—	1,631	—	46,474	—
TENNESSEE	352	387	3,765	3,229	124,065	108,667
TEXAS	170	295	2,927	5,331	101,011	190,068
VIRGINIA ^{1/}	—	218	—	2,197	—	68,393
WASHINGTON	256	288	4,144	4,902	95,235	92,145
OTHER STATES	—	—	—	—	16,373	21,176
17 STATES	6,535	7,742	111,780	113,137	3,323,112	3,970,781

^{1/} South Carolina included in 2000, but not in 2003. Virginia included in 2003, but not in 2000.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 1 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.97 million head on September 1, 2004. The inventory was 1 percent above September 1, 2003 but 2 percent below September 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.10 million, 12 percent below 2003 and 6 percent below 2002. This is the second lowest placements for the month of August since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 2.04 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 506,000, 600-699 pounds were 413,000, 700-799 pounds were 565,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 615,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.92 million, 7 percent below 2003 and 10 percent below 2002. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of August since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 56,000 during August, 7 percent below 2003 but 30 percent above 2002.

Cattle on feed: 1,000+ capacity feedlots United States, September 1, 2003-2004

Item	Number		<u>2004</u>
	2003	2004	<u>2003</u>
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	%
On feed August 1 ^{1/}	9,590	9,853	103
Placed on feed during Aug.	2,384	2,099	88
Fed cattle marketed during Aug.	2,075	1,923	93
Other disappearance during Aug. ^{2/}	60	56	93
On feed September 1^{1/}	9,839	9,973	101

^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

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